#### A BERVIAN SONG,

her, a dour little lad one through the night is creeping has look life way said is end; hour him bitterly weeping.

tio to the door and see. Is to be won without wooding. When the mosts her lover half way, His hotels her favor light As the cup he drains by day, Or the lamp he burns at night.

But spen the door; I have his heart, he mine; He must be boused and fed; I will give him kieses for wine, And my syes whall light him to bed! —It. H. Stoddard in Century.

#### OVERCONFIDENCE,

fen years ago in a certain good sind town in Pennsylvania there lived a famfly whom I will call Mitchell. The famconsisted of husband, wife and two children, the latter being a boy aged five and a girl of seven. Mitchell was a priwate banker, known to be honest, respectable and worth a clear \$100,000. I knew little or nothing about the family until certain incidents occurred. One day his wife was fatally injured in a railroad collision at a point about fifty miles from home. When he reached her, in response to a telegram sent by a stranger, he found ene had been removed to a hotel and was being tenderly cared for by a woman who gave her name as Mrs. A. B. Gray, of Philadelphia. She was on the train, but suffered no fajury

Mrs. Gray, as I might as well tell you now, was petite, good looking, a good talker, and in a general way captivating. The fact of her taking charge of Mrs. Mitchell as she had done proved her tender heart. She told Mr. Mitchell she had been a widow eighteen months and was practically alone in the world, and though he was burdened with grief and anxiety, he did not forget to thank her for her great kindness and to take her address. She resumed her journey, and he took his wife home to die of her injuries. It was three weeks after her death that I came into the case. After everything was over the husband suldenly discovered that his dead wife's jewelry was missing. She had with her when the accident took place about \$1,000 worth of diamonds. They had disappeared, and when he came to run over events in his mind he could not remember that they had come home with her. Mrs. Gray had turned over to him Mrs. Mitchell's purse and a few other things, but a pair of diamond eardrops, two rings and a pin were missing. I was employed to proceed to the scene

of the late accident and seek to trace the jewsiry. The collision had occurred right at the depot in a small town. People about the depot and the hotel assured the that Mrs. Mitchell had her jewelry on when taken to the hotel. The landlord's wife was positive, and the doctor who was called in was positive, and when I had worked the case out I returned home to report to Mitchell that nobody but Mrs. Gray could have taken the jewelry. He was astonished and indignant, and not only vigorously repudiated the implication, but discharged me from the case with the assertion that I was a novice in the profession.

I went about other business, and it was about four mouths before I saw Mitchell again. Then he sent for me in an official capacity again. No reference was made to my previous work, but fresher and other troubles had come to him. A month after the death of his wife he had opened corn spondence with Mrs. Gray, and the result was that she had come to take charge of his house. He was without relatives, or at least without those who could aid him in his situation, and she claimed to be free in her movements. You will suspect just as I did, that she had captivated him, but he fought shy of any acknowledgment of the sort.

I haven't told you about the bank. It was situated just a square from his house and exactly in the rear of it. The house fronted on one street and the bank on another, and there was no alley between. Indeed the rear yard of the house led right up to the rear door of the bank, and Mitchell used to come up and go through the yard. In the rear of the banking rooms, divided off by the usual railing, were the private offices and the vault. A burglar alarm was connected with the front doors and windows, but none with the back. A large and savage dog guarded the rear, having a kennel close to the door.

What the banker wanted to see me about was this: He had not only missed money from his wallet at night, but on two occasions considerable sums of money had been taken from a small safe which stood in his office outside the vanit. One of the mysteries was in the taking of the money. He employed a teller and a bookks oper, neither of whom had a key to safe or vanit, unless it was adopticate made without his knowledge. Neither had the word of the combination of the vault, and it seemed impossible that they could have taken the money, even if so inclined. Both were perfectly honest, so far as any one knew, and Mitchell was all tangled up over

the master v. He hadn't talked to me five minutes when I would have taken my solemn eath that Mrs. Gray was the guilty party, but of course I didn't drop a hint of my suspicious to him. She was shy, presiont and apparently all right, and I had put in a mouth on the case and made no discovery when the outside safe was robbed again. A deposit and some bonds had come in at the last moment and had been placed there for the night. The whole thing amounted to short \$600, and bands and greenbacks were missing next morning. The safe had not only been opened with a key. but the bank had been entered by unlooking the rear door. No and could have entered by the front without monding an alarm. No stranger could hat, have entered by the luck on account of the dog, who was wide awake and all

When Minibell sent for me to give me the noves I was perfectly satisfied that Mrs. Gray was the guilty party. I be-Bessel also had the nerve to enter his goess in the night, secure the keys and them alto through the back yard, exter the book and open the safe, When I Instruct that the log war a great farmeinsof here this belief was a certainty. I capilla's, for reasons already given, say neword to Mitchell about this, He wantad he suspect his two employees, but whenche had convised the matter ha were made to not first it was altogether unbledy that either of them was guilty. go Tribune.

Indeed he was alone in the bank when the bonds and money came in, and he alone knew where the deposit was

What did I do? I turned to Mrs. Gray again, and in about a week something happened to prove that I was on the right trail. One of the street car lines of the town ran down to the railroad depot. It was Mrs. Gray's habit of an afternoon to ride on this line with the little girl as far down as a certain park, and to sit near the fountain and read while the girl romped about with other children. I had closely watched her while in this park, but no one had ever come near her and her demeanor had been perfection.

On the third afternoon after the robbery she occupied her usual seat for an hour without anything happening. I sat on a bench in the rear of her and about thirty feet away, and by and by I noticed that she was writing a note with pencil. She did it so deftly that one sitting in front of her could not have tem effectually, dispels colds, headtold what she was at. Beside her was a laches and fevers and cures habitual large shade tree, and as near as I could constipation. Syrup of Figs is the make out she disposed of the note, when only remedy of its kind ever profolded up, somewhere about the tree. When she left I followed her for a short distance, and looking back I saw a young and well dressed man occupying the place vacated by her. An hour later, when I could examine the tree, I found a hollow in the trunk just about on a line with her shoulders as she sat on the beach. One not looking for it popular remedy known. would have sat there fifty times and discovered nothing.

My theory was that she had an accomplice-the young man whom I had seen. The hollow in the tree was their postoffice. Next day I was at the park half an hour before her usual time, and behold! the young man was occupying that beach. As she appeared he got up and took a seat a hundred feet away, and by watching closely I saw that she took a note from the tree. Before leaving she wrote and "posted" one in reply, and after she had gone I saw him get it. I was now certain that I was on the right trail, and I went to Mitchell to secure some particulars I wished to know, I told him I had a clew, but would not reyeal which way it led. I learned from him that the combination of the vault door had four numbers, and he alone knew it. It had been changed about a month after Mrs. Gray's arrival, and be hesitatingly seimitted that the word was "Aime," which was her Christian name He would not, however, admit that this fact was known to her.

For two weeks after receiving this information I hardly got sight of Mrs. Gray. For some reason she remained very closely at home. I found out from Mitchell in a roundabout way that the money needed to pay the men at the coal mine and also at a large factory was deposited with him on the 14th of every month. It was simply passed in to him to be locked in the vault over night, as it came up from Pittsburg by messenger. I reasoned that Mrs. Gray would work this information out of him in some way, or that her accomplice would discover it, and that if she had the combination of the vault she would make her strike on the night of the 14th. On Aug. 12 she exchanged notes at the bank, also on the 18th. On this latter date I shadowed the young man for three hours and became satisfied that he was from Pittsburg and a "slick un." Among the things he did was to go to the depot and inquire about, various night trains, and particularly one which passed over the road half an hour after midnight.

I promised Mitchell that a climax would soon be reached, and then staked my all on what might happen on the night of the 14th. At 8 o'clock on that evening I threw a piece of "dosed" meat to his dog from a neighboring yard, and at 10 I softly climbed the fence to find the canine in his kennel and sick enough to remain there. I lay down within ten feet of him, hidden behind a bush, and t was an hour and a half before anything happened. Everybody in the neighborhood was in bed and asleep by that time, and I was not greatly surprised when a female figure, which I knew to be that of Mrs. Gray, suddenly appeared and passed me five feet away going toward the bank.

She stopped at the kennel to speak to the dog, and then opened the rear door and entered. I did not move from my hiding place until she reappeared about twenty minutes later. She carefully locked the bank, and as she passed me on the way to the house I followed quickly behind. The keys she laid on the bank steps, softly opened the side gate, and I let her reach the street before I brought matters to a climax. She was only out of the gate when she was joined by a man, but when I rushed to seize them he got the slarm and was off before I could grab him. I got her, however, and she had a bundle under her arm which I took charge of—a bun-dle containing about \$19,000 in green-

What a nervy woman she was! She just simply laughed a bit as I led her up the steps and rang the bell to arouse Mitchell, and when I had told him all and had the money and the keys to prove it she just looked up at him with a smile and asked:

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"Well, what of it?" was a corker.

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Mitchell couldn't let the public know that his bank could be so easily robbed, and he couldn't let society know that he had leen duped by an adventuress, and after a constitution he actually gave that little adventuress \$2,000 in cash to clear out. She went, and as I left her at the depot she said: at the depot she said:

"Give the old man my love when you got back to the house, and ask him if he never heard of Tony Weller's advice."—

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set it's the ordinary kind of spring chicken you've got," said the fired looking great glancing at the bill of fore. "you may bring me a small piece of

chicken today, sir," said the watter

Then bring me half a dosen. I'm not very hungry this morning."- Chica-

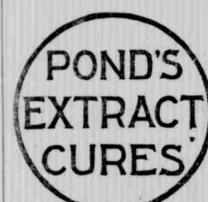


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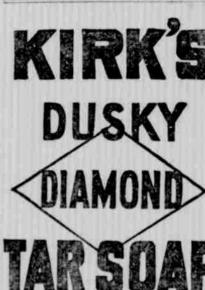
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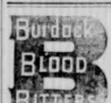
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